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Custody upon Payment of the aforesaid Sum of One hundred Pounds Current Money and Fees aforesaid Shall Presume to have or keep in his Possession or in his House or upon his Plantation or elsewhere any Fire-Arms or Ammunition Such Person Shall forfeit and pay the further Sum of One hundred pounds Current Money

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that in Ten days after the Publication of this Act the Colonel or Commanding Officer of every Regiment Troop or Company in the Militia of this Province shall issue his Warrant to his inferiour Officers directing them to make deligent Search and Enquiry in their respective District what Arms and Ammunition shall be therein and return what Number of Arms and what Quantity of Ammunition they Shall on such Search and Enquiry find or discover and the Condition and kind of such Arms and Ammunition and who shall be possessed thereof distinctly in Writing under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Current Money upon the Colonel or Commanding Officer aforesaid neglecting his duty in this Behalf and the Penalty of Five Pounds Current Money on the Inferiour Officer charged with the Execution of Such Warrant who shall neglect within five days after receipt of such Warrant to comply with his Duty herein and all and every Person and Persons shall on Demand produce his or their Arms and Ammunition to the Said Officers charged with the Execution of Such Warrants under the Penalty of Five Pounds Current Money for his or their every wilfull neglect or refusal so to do And Whereas on many Occasions Arms Ammunition and military Accoutrements of different Kinds have been delivered out of the public Magazines of this Province and are now dispersed among the Inhabitants and have been Sold or Sent from one to another and it is represented that the Locks have been taken of from many of the Said Arms and put to private Use therefore for discovering the Said Arms Ammunition and Military Accoutrements and Locks and rendering of Service towards Arming the Militia of this Province in this Time of common Danger Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Captain of every Troop or Company of Militia shall within Ten Days after the Publication of this Act issue his Warrant to his Several Corporals to make diligent Inquiry within their Limits for all Arms military Accoutrements and Locks belonging to the Public and the Said Corporals are hereby required as soon as may be after receipt of such Warrant to repair to the Habitation of every Housekeeper within their respective Limits and demand of him Such Arms Ammunition Military Accoutrements and Locks as he hath in his Possession belonging to the Public and immediately on Such Demand Such Person shall deliver the Same to the Said Corporals And the Said Corporals shall give Receipts for all Such Arms Ammunition military Accoutrements and Locks as Shall be delivered